

inee's many accomplishments is long. I will detail but a few of them. He became president of his medical society in Long Beach in 1953 and has been a member of the CMA House of Delegates since 1949. He has been a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association Council for seven years, a member of the CMA Council for three terms and a delegate to the American Medical Association for eight years. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a past chief of staff of the Long Beach Memorial Hospital and he is at present or has been a member of the boards of 12 different civic and public volunteer agencies, including the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce. He has been the chairman of the CMA Commission on Communications from 1964 to the present and has been chairman of CALPAC and a member of the national board of AMPAC since the inception of these organizations in 1961. He is well known to all of you for his service to the profession of medicine in California and in this House of Delegates. But he is best known by all of us in Los Angeles County.

It is, therefore, my privilege as president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association to present in nomination for President-Elect of the California Medical Association, the unanimous choice of Los Angeles County, Doctor Malcolm C. Todd.

JOSEPH F. BOYLE, M.D.

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 529th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Hilton Inn, 25 February 1967.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at the Hilton Inn, on Saturday 25 February 1967, at 9:45 a.m.

A quorum was present and acting (full roll call, including names of invited guests appears at the end of these minutes).

1. Minutes for Approval

The minutes of the 528th meeting of the Council, held 15 January 1967, were approved as distributed.

2. Commission on Medical Services

Chairman Howard reported on a joint meeting of the Commission, the Committee on Insurance and Prepayment and the California Committee of the Health Insurance Council. The Commission decided to request a similar meeting at least every six months to try to find a practical way to provide group medical insurance for individual, self-employed persons. Chairman Howard also reported that the AMA Committee on Insurance and Prepayment is taking steps to implement the CMA resolution that called for setting up minimum standards for prepaid health programs and insurance.

3. Relative Value Studies

Doctor Howard reported that the revised edition of the CMA *Relative Value Studies* will be utilizing a five-digit system and it was hoped that the 1967 revision of the *RVS* would be ready for submission to the Council for approval in the fall.

4. Military Dependents' Medical Care Program

Doctor Howard informed the Council that the Committee recently had met with General Peatfield of the Department of Defense to discuss the program. The contract is on a "usual and customary" fee basis at present, but has a ceiling. The goal is "usual and customary" with no ceilings.

5. Endorsement of Vernon L. Nickel

A resolution endorsing Vernon L. Nickel, M.D., a Los Angeles orthopedic surgeon, for the 1966 "Physician of the Year" award was introduced to the Council. The award is sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. The Council added its endorsement to that of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

6. Report of the President

President MacLaggan reported to the Council on a meeting called by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on P.L. 89-239 (Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke legislation). He reported that the idea of "treatment centers" still received emphasis during the discussions on implementation of the law.

7. Health Manpower Council

President MacLaggan reported on the 4 and 5 February meeting of the Health Manpower Council.

cil held in San Diego. More than 80 different health organizations were represented, and a final decision to go ahead with the Health Manpower Council was made. Doctor MacLaggan updated the Council on the composition of the Health Manpower Council, which has changed some since its introduction. It is now to be a 25-man Council composed of three representatives each from government, CMA and CHA, one from the California Nurses' Association, one dental and one nursing home representative. These persons would be designated from their own organizations. The remaining 13 members of the Council will be elected from the general group, chosen by the steering committee. Doctor MacLaggan said that frequent meetings would be held and activity would be getting under way very shortly.

8. *Physician Reimbursement in Teaching And County Hospitals*

Doctor MacLaggan reported on a meeting with representatives of the California Hospital Association, CMA, and deans of medical schools in California. The meeting was held to discuss the proposed regulations establishing criteria for determination of reimbursement for services of hospital interns, residents and supervising physicians in teaching and county hospitals. The unanimous feeling of the group was that the guidelines recently promulgated under Title 18 were desirable and it was the wish that they also be established as criteria for reimbursement under Title 19. The proposed regulations stated, in part, that attending physicians in a teaching setting may submit bills on a reasonable charge basis, with the reasonableness of the charge to be determined by the carrier in the same manner and under the same rules as for all other physicians.

Doctor MacLaggan also informed the Council that it was agreed that there should be a closer liaison with the deans of medical schools and that some representatives of teaching hospitals and the medical schools should be appointed to the county review committee in any county in which there was such a teaching institution. Discussion followed on the interpretation of the regulations.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the concept of "Reasonable" charges under both Titles 18 and 19 for attending physicians in county and teaching hospitals, and to approve the request that these institutions cooperate with and make available personnel to help county society review committees in reasonable charge determination.*

9. *Conference on Infectious Diseases Of Pets and Patients*

It was brought to the attention of the Council that the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco is sponsoring a conference on "Infectious Diseases of Pets and Patients," in cooperation with the California Veterinary Medical Association. A request was made by the UCSF Medical Center for CMA support in recognition of the unique opportunity for these two professions to meet jointly.

ACTION: *Voted to support and encourage the two organizations sponsoring the conference and send a letter to this effect.*

10. *California Medical Education And Research Foundation*

Doctor MacLaggan announced to the Council that the CMERF Board had met and approved the appointment of Paul Ward as the director of the California Committee on Regional Medical Programs. The Council was also informed that Audio-Digest had donated \$25,000 to CMERF again this year. This money was earmarked for education and will be used for some type of undergraduate scholarship for premedical students.

11. *Annual Session House of Delegates Meeting*

Speaker Quinn announced that those Bylaw changes and resolutions not considered at last year's House of Delegates meeting due to a lack of a quorum, need to be reintroduced this year. This does not apply, however, to Constitutional amendments. Again this year Councilors will be asked to be responsible for a reference committee of their choice during Annual Session and will be responsible for presenting to the Council, at the first meeting after Annual Session, recommendations for Council implementation of resolutions adopted by the House.

Dr. Quinn also reminded the Council that Delegates' dues must be paid by 1 April for them to be seated at the House of Delegates.

12. *1967 Conference of Component Society Officers*

Doctor Anderson called to the attention of the Council an informational report reviewing the 1967 Conference of Component Society Officers. The report gave in-depth consideration to planning, format, physical arrangements, and recommendations for next year, as well as an evaluation of each part of the meeting. Also included was a

series of guides for discussion leaders. Doctor Anderson expressed the appreciation of the Council for all the efforts of those committee members who made the meeting possible.

13. *1967-68 Council Meeting Schedule*

Doctor Anderson presented to the Council for its approval the proposed schedule of Council meetings for the coming year. Discussion followed on an appropriate time to hold the Conference of Component Society Officers.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the tentative schedule as submitted with the exception of the date for the Conference of Component Society Officers, which will receive further study by staff before a recommendation is presented to the Council.*

14. *Committee on Legislation*

Chairman Kilroy reported on various bills pending before the State Legislature. A number of these were considered by the Council.

Doctor Kilroy introduced to the Council a new staff member of the Public Health League, Mr. Hugh McWilliams. Mr. McWilliams is a field secretary working out of the San Francisco office on membership, public relations and general contracts.

15. *Poverty Program Clinics*

Doctor Albert G. Clark, president of the San Francisco Medical Society, gave a progress report on establishing a Poverty Program Clinic in the San Francisco area. The purpose of this type of clinic is to treat persons in "target" areas, such as Hunters Point, Tenderloin, etc., whether or not they were covered by some type of insurance or welfare. He said that the society believes that as the residents of the area where the neighborhood health center is located move into the mainstream of medical care, the facility should be developed into a neighborhood recreation center or any other needed neighborhood facility.

16. *Reports of Medical School Deans*

Dean Egeberg of the University of Southern California School of Medicine briefly commented on his experiences with the anti-poverty programs and neighborhood health centers. He also expressed his appreciation for the action taken by the Council in regard to payment of physicians in county and teaching hospitals.

Dean Glaser of the Stanford University School of Medicine introduced to the Council Doctor Thomas Gonda, professor of psychiatry and re-

cently appointed Associate Dean. Doctor Glaser reported that the curriculum study is ongoing and more thought is being given to flexibility. He said it is the feeling of many that an opportunity for a student to elect a broader range of courses provides a better basis for later years.

Dean Cullen of the University of California San Francisco Medical School also expressed his appreciation for the Council action on reimbursement of physicians in county and teaching hospitals. He relayed his appreciation to the San Francisco Medical Society for its financial support of student activities, the latest of which was donating funds to enable two medical students to attend a student conference in the East.

Dean Mellinkoff from the University of California Medical School at Los Angeles also thanked the Council for its action. He reported that the caliber of students entering medical schools seems to be rising constantly and it becomes difficult to select those who appear to be most capable.

17. *Bureau of Health Insurance, Social Security Administration*

Mrs. Mercia Kahn, Director of the Western Region of the Bureau of Health Insurance, reported to the Council that the 600 mark was reached by California in certifying extended care facilities under Medicare. She stated that the next highest number of facilities certified was 189 in New York.

18. *Woman's Auxiliary to the CMA*

Mrs. Samuel K. Bacon, president of the Auxiliary, reviewed some of the work that has been accomplished by the Auxiliary within the past year, and expressed her appreciation for being invited to attend the Council meetings during her term of office.

19. *California Nurses' Association*

Mrs. Mary K. Stanley, president of the Association, reported on the Health Manpower Council meeting in San Diego and expressed CNA's pleasure at having a permanent seat on the Council. She stated that the CNA had very high hopes for such a Council handling the manpower problems of California on a voluntary basis. Mrs. Stanley also expressed her appreciation for the invitations extended to her to attend the CMA Council meetings. She said that this would be her last meeting with the Council, as president, and

thanked the Council for its courtesy to her during her term of office.

20. *California Hospital Association*

Mr. Gordon Cumming, president-elect of the CHA, reported to the Council that CHA had been exploring various possibilities of setting up a data system on a service basis into which hospitals could feed information and could serve as a repository of data for hospitals and allied organizations.

Mr. Cumming also commented on the ongoing study being conducted by CHA regarding the impact of the Medicare reimbursement formula for the operation of California's hospitals. He indicated that the information from California appears to show that all hospitals have real problems with the Medicare formula. Problems are modified by the extent that hospitals are able to call upon other sources such as tax funds or other supplementation.

Mr. Cumming and Doctor Morrison spoke to the Council regarding a joint venture of the CHA-CMA in uniform data collection. Doctor Morrison said he felt that in the interest of hospitals as well as the broad interest of planning, we should join with CHA in this effort. It was described as a separate, nonprofit corporation. Mr. Cumming said that the concept they envisioned was that the expense would be sustained by hospital payments for the service. He said that to start such a project would probably cost about \$35,000 and that the CHA had this in the current year's budget, committed for this purpose. He stated that the corporation would be jointly managed and would render service to medicine, hospitals and other concerned groups such as the Committee on Regional Medical Programs, the Department of Public Health and others. He said this would be a voluntary effort.

ACTION: *Voted to approve CMA's participation in a Joint Data Collection Project with CHA, with the understanding that no sizable expenditure of money will be required by CMA.*

21. *State Department of Public Health*

Doctor Breslow, director of the Department, announced that Governor Reagan, in accordance with the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Service Amendments of 1966 has designated the SDPH as the agency to undertake the comprehensive health planning. The program calls

for the appointment of a council which would have policy making and guiding influence on the program. Doctor Breslow said that he hoped that Mr. Spencer Williams would be willing to participate personally on the council, and that it would be able to coordinate and enhance the extensive health planning already underway throughout the state.

22. *State Health and Welfare Agency*

Mr. Carel Mulder, director of the Office of Health Care Services, Health and Welfare Agency, outlined three immediate problems facing the Medi-Cal program. The first problem, he stated, lies in assuring that reasonable charges of physicians are paid with reasonable promptness. He added that this problem is being worked out in cooperation with California Blue Shield (CPS). The second problem area was described as assuring that the program as enacted last year is and can remain fiscally sound. The third area of concern is in assuring that the program develops a high quality, properly utilized system of services which remains in the mainstream of medicine. Mr. Mulder said that this was inherent in the law and the Administration had a commitment to see that this was done.

23. *State Department of Mental Hygiene*

Doctor Robert Hewitt, associate director of the Department, distributed to the Council for its information an annual report just released. Doctor Hewitt also said a report has just been completed on a study of staffing State mental hospitals, which is available from the Department.

24. *University of California— California College of Medicine*

Councilor Grunigen presented the following resolution to the Council for its consideration:

"Whereas the California Medical Association has demonstrated its great interest in and goodwill for the California College of Medicine by generous monetary, moral and professional advisory support, all being consistent with its policy of uniting two professions under a single standard of medical care and increasing the number of young physicians graduating in California; and

"Whereas the survival of the California College of Medicine is seriously threatened due to physical and administrative deficiencies which were

noted during the recent accreditation inspection and which indicate that the present geographic location is not the best for the development of a first-class medical school; and

"Whereas the Trustees have not met to take the necessary actions required to solve this crisis although the official accreditation committee demanded that remedial decisions be made no later than the middle of June 1967; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED: That the California Medical Association ask for an opportunity for its officers to present, at an early official meeting of the Trustees, a request that the Trustees act to urge the Regents quickly to assume the final authority and make the necessary decisions required to assure accreditation; and be it further

"RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Regents and Trustees."

ACTION: Voted to approve the resolution.

25. Commission on Communications

Chairman Todd reviewed for the information of the Council, the activities of the Commission during the past several months, commenting on a detailed written report submitted to each Councilor. Doctor Todd pointed out that much staff time has been spent to upgrade and expand CMA News Services, both within the medical profession and to the public through mass media. Another Communications function which has greatly expanded is Field Services, which is making a concentrated effort to enhance face-to-face communication with county societies, individual physicians, allied health organizations and others throughout the state. Doctor Todd also reported that the Publication Services Section continues to respond to requests from other CMA commissions and committees for assistance in the preparation and production of various kinds of printed materials. In addition, this section has given much time and effort to special projects, such as helping to improve the format and materials for meetings of the CMA Council.

26. Report of the President-Elect

President-Elect Morrison described briefly the Congress on Socio-Economics which he attended in Chicago. He said that the meeting gave in-depth study to problems of health manpower and health facilities planning.

27. Committee on Committees

Chairman Morrison presented to the Council a list of recommendations for appointment to 1967 CMA commissions and committees. Several amendments and changes in the list were suggested.

ACTION: Voted to approve the list of recommendations, as amended, for submission to the 1967 House of Delegates.

The Committee on Committees also recommended:

a. That the Committee on Fees be enlarged by two members.

ACTION: Voted to approve enlarging the Committee on Fees.

b. That the objectives and functions of the Committee on Voluntary Health Agencies be reviewed by the Scientific Board.

ACTION: Voted to refer this request to the Scientific Board.

c. That the following committees be disbanded:

Committee on Scientific Information

Subcommittee on Tumor Tissue Registry

Subcommittee on Consultative Tumor Boards

Subcommittee on Cancer Education

ACTION: Voted to approve disbanding of above committees and preparation of Bylaw changes to accomplish this.

28. California Blue Shield

Doctor Richard Wilbur, chairman of the Blue Shield Board, reported that standard business activity had been on the increase and that during the first six weeks of this year, Blue Shield had gained about 10,000 persons in membership under standard programs and CPIC. He also stated that as much of the outpatient coverage as possible was being converted from visit deductible to cash dollar deductible, in response to a directive of the Blue Shield Board one year ago. Doctor Wilbur reported that more than 100,000 contracts had been sold or converted to a cash deductible outpatient medical benefit in the past year, which represented more than 70 per cent of the subscribers holding this type of coverage. He also said that Blue Shield was attempting to convert as many contracts as possible under the standard programs to the usual and customary fee concept. The statewide promotion and advertising campaign for the new Blue Shield "Major Medical" coverage was being deferred until 1 July, he reported.

Doctor Wilbur made a presentation to the Council summarizing the Medicare and Medi-Cal activity. From 1 July 1966 through 24 February 1967 a total of 915,000 Medicare claims had been processed and more than \$24 million had been paid on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries. Under the Medi-Cal program from 1 March 1966 to 24 February 1967 a total of 11.4 million claims, amounting to \$137,586,364 were paid.

Projected figures under the Medi-Cal program indicate that 19 per cent of payments will go to physicians, 13 per cent to other medical, 6 per cent to dentists, and 7 per cent for drugs. The remaining 55 per cent is paid by Blue Cross—30 per cent to nursing homes and 25 per cent to hospitals. Doctor Wilbur spoke about the continuing problem of eligibility determination under the Medi-Cal program, and Blue Shield efforts to aid the state in solving the problem. He said that as a temporary measure, Blue Shield was suggesting that physicians attach a photostat of the recipient's identification card to the billing form to establish eligibility.

Doctor Wilbur reported that on 16 February 1967 the California State Employees Association, plus two individuals named as taxpayers, filed a complaint in the Superior Court of Sacramento County seeking an injunction against further payments to Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans for administration of the Medi-Cal program. The complaint was that the contract with the Blues violated Article 24 of the California Constitution, in that contract work which could be done by persons under the State Civil Service should not be contracted out to private enterprise. Defendants are Mr. Spencer Williams, Director of the State Health and Welfare Agency, and Mr. Houston Flournoy, State Controller, Blue Shield and Blue Cross.

Doctor Wilbur emphasized the increased utilization study activity by Blue Shield and introduced to the Council Mr. Harry Parke, who recently joined California Blue Shield as director of the utilization audit function.

29. *Medical Advisory Committee to the Division of Industrial Accidents*

Doctor Carl Anderson called to the attention of the Council a report of his 3 February 1967 meeting with members of the Medical Advisory Committee to the Division of Industrial Accidents. The report stated that due to the increased work-

load of the Division and the decrease in budget, the number of hearing teams within the Division had to be cut and no new activities could be undertaken at the present time. However, it was stressed that eventually there will be an opportunity to expand the programs and that some constructive thinking should be done along this line. It was recommended that the Bureau of Research and Planning might conduct a survey among physicians doing Workmen's Compensation work regarding the problems they encounter, the results of which could be helpful to the Medical Advisory Committee for future planning. It was also recommended that the Medical Advisory Committee might investigate some of the problems on its own in order to develop recommendations for the proper functioning of a rehabilitation unit in the Division. The suggestion also was made that the Medical Advisory Committee report to the Director and through him, to the Governor, and the Legislature, regarding steps that need to be taken to make the Medical Bureau of the Division more effective.

Doctor Anderson also commented on the availability of a new publication, *Register of Physicians and Surgeons (M.D.'s) for Workmen's Compensation Services in California*, which lists physicians in California who are interested in doing Workmen's Compensation work. It was published in cooperation with the California Conference of Employer Associations, the California Manufacturers Association, the California Self-Insurers Association, the California State Chamber of Commerce, the California Workmen's Compensation Institute and the CMA, and is available through Six Ninety Three Sutter Publications at \$5.00 per copy.

30. *Committee on Cancer*

Doctor John Cline, representing Doctor Wood, chairman of the CMA Committee on Cancer, presented to the Council a series of recommendations regarding various activities.

ACTION: *Voted to refer the requests to the Committee for Emergency Action, in consultation with the Executive Director and Representatives from the Scientific Board, for study and report back to the Council.*

31. *Finance Committee*

Chairman Kay offered to the Council for consideration two additional items for the 1967-68 budget.

a. The addition of \$2,600 to the budget sub-

mitted for CALIFORNIA MEDICINE, restoring that portion of the budget to its former amount.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the addition of \$2,600 to the budget for California Medicine.*

b. An amount to be allocated in the budget for support of the LACMA Library, pending the report of the ad hoc Committee on Medical Libraries.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the inclusion of an amount for support of the LACMA Library, equal to the supplemental appropriation authorized by the Council for the current fiscal year.*

It was also requested that the report submitted by Mr. John Connor, the LACMA librarian, be distributed to the members of the Council for their information.

Chairman Kay asked for Council approval of the proposed budget, as amended, which will be submitted to the House of Delegates for its approval.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the proposed 1967-68 Budget as amended.*

Doctor Kay called to the attention of the Council a progress report on the addition of a health educator to the CMA staff. The report was submitted to the Council for its information only. It reviewed some of the discussions that have taken place regarding the function of a health educator at the CMA.

32. *Automotive and Traffic Safety*

Doctor Kay brought to the attention of the Council two bills governing the operation of two-wheeled motor vehicles which would establish:

a. Standards for protective clothing to be worn by operators;

b. Testing and licensing program for operators

ACTION: *Voted to refer both bills to the Committee on Legislation for study and report back to the Council.*

Doctor Kay also brought before the Council a resolution submitted by the California Society of Internal Medicine petitioning CMA to recommend that the Department of Motor Vehicles establish a panel of independent medical examiners for examinations of Class I and II drivers' licenses.

ACTION: *Voted to refer to the Committee on Legislation for study and report back to the Council.*

33. *Study of Current Medical Laboratory Practices* (Resolution No. 105-66)

Doctor Kay presented to the Council a letter from the California Society of Pathologists re-

questing CMA to designate a committee to work with them in reviewing medical laboratory practices and problems including licensure, standards, quality control and procurement of manpower.

ACTION: *Voted to refer the request to the Commission on Community Health Services in consultation with the Committee on Legislation for study and report back to the Council.*

34. *Role of Medicine in Society*

Doctor Watts, chairman of the Committee on the Role of Medicine in Society, submitted to the Council three reports and recommendations. The reports, "Responsibility for Quality in Health Care," "A New Relationship with Government and Others," and "Organizing for Health Care," were presented for receipt by the Council. Doctor Watts also asked for authorization to distribute the reports and recommendations, along with the report, "Prologue and Perspective," previously received by the Council, to the House of Delegates.

ACTION: *Voted to authorize distribution of the four reports and recommendations, including "Prologue and Perspective," to the House of Delegates and to County Society Officers. The Appendix is to be omitted and a statement included which was amended to read that the reports were received by the Council, that no official action had been taken by the Council on the reports and recommendations, and that the distribution is being made for information only.*

35. *Committee on Organizational Review And Planning*

Chairman Teall asked the Council to authorize distribution of the informational report prepared by the Committee to the House of Delegates. The report deals with the goals and objectives of the Committee on Organizational Review and Planning.

ACTION: *Voted to authorize distribution of the report, for information, to the House of Delegates.*

36. *Commission on Hospital Affairs*

In the absence of Chairman Halter, Councilor Telford reported to the Council. He said that it was the recommendation of the Commission regarding House of Delegates Resolution No. 1-66 (Standardization of Hospital Records) that CMA work concurrently with the California Hospital Association, the California Nurses' Association, Medical Record Librarians and selected computer specialists in an effort to standardize hospital records.

ACTION: Voted to refer to the Commission on Hospital Affairs for implementation.

Councilor Telford also presented the recommendation of the Commission that appointed physician members of hospital utilization committees not be compensated for professional review (House of Delegates Resolution 104-66). It was pointed out that this had been the position of the Council in the past.

ACTION: Voted to reaffirm previous position.

Doctor Telford called upon Mr. Goldman of the CMA staff to review briefly the progress of the Medical Staff Survey Committee to date. Mr. Goldman reported that as of 17 February 1967, a total of 407 hospitals had been visited for medical staff review. Of these, 26 were resurveys for hospital medical staffs which did not receive full approval on the initial list. He pointed out that the surveys will soon reach the 100 per cent mark.

Doctor Telford said that it was the feeling of the Commission and of the Medical Staff Survey Committee that a special study of proprietary hospitals should not be done. He pointed out that much of the intent of the study was being accomplished as the survey of all types of hospitals is conducted. It was suggested, however, that the Survey Committee maintain an up-to-date statistical tabulation on proprietary hospitals.

ACTION: Voted not to conduct a proprietary hospital study but to maintain an up-to-date statistical tabulation.

The last item Doctor Telford brought before the Council was the proposed revision of Section 346(a)(1) of the Hospital Licensing Act. The proposed revision would permit a maternity patient, particularly one with no baby or one who is not to take her baby home, to be placed in a room with "clean" non-maternity patients on a non-maternity nursing unit. The requested change refers to those mothers whose infants were stillborn or whose infants are to be placed for adoption, or remain in the nursery following delivery.

ACTION: Voted to approve the proposed revision.

37. CMA Retirement Program (Keogh Plan)

Mr. William Whelan of the CMA staff reported that almost 500 physicians participated in the program. He said that the program includes not only physicians but also their employees, so that the total number of participants is 856. He stated that during the next year the number participating

will probably increase substantially because of an amendment to the law making the total contribution of the physician deductible beginning January 1968.

38. Proposed Bylaw Amendments for Introduction at 1967 House of Delegates Meeting

Vice Chairman Miller presented a proposed Bylaw amendment to the Council which would permit CMA to charter component society auxiliaries as well as component medical societies.

ACTION: Voted approval of the proposed amendment for consideration by the House of Delegates.

Doctor Miller asked for Council action on the resubmission of the Bylaw amendments that were before the House of Delegates last year and were not considered due to lack of a quorum.

ACTION: Voted to resubmit the Bylaw amendments to the 1967 House of Delegates.

39. Legal Counsel

Mr. Hassard stated that he would be sending to each Councilor within the week a summary of the Social Security Amendments of 1967 (H.R. 5710) with an explanatory letter.

He also brought before the Council a request from a Redding physician, George C. Stevenson, M.D., who asked that CMA appear amicus curiae.

ACTION: Voted not to enter into the litigation.

40. CMA Policy Regarding Statements to Public or Governmental Bodies

Chairman Anderson presented to the Council a draft of proposed CMA policy regarding statements to public or governmental bodies, along with a letter of transmittal. The proposed policy, as amended, reads as follows:

"I. The president of the CMA is the official public spokesman for the CMA and all of its committees, commissions, bureaus and scientific sections.

"II. All public statements on behalf of the CMA or any commission, committee, bureau or scientific section thereof must have prior approval by the Council of the CMA and shall be made by the President of the CMA or by others whom he, or the Council, shall designate.

"III. Any statement or official action in the name of CMA which must be made on an urgent or emergency basis precluding Council action, must be authorized by the President or the Com-

mittee for Emergency Action or, in their absence, by the Executive Director.

"IV. This in no way prohibits any individual physician members from making statements in their own names. In such situations, members of CMA committees, commissions and bureaus should make it clear that they are speaking as individuals and not in the name of CMA.

"V. Any violation of the above procedures shall be reported to the Council for appropriate action."

ACTION: *Voted to approve the above as CMA policy and to transmit it to all CMA Officers, Councilors, Committee and Commission Members, Scientific Section Officers, Staff and Executive Secretaries.*

41. Nursing Home Utilization Criteria

Doctor H. Dean Hoskins of the Committee on Fees presented and commented upon proposed criteria to assist in identification of inappropriate utilization of convalescent and nursing home services under insurance programs.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the general concepts embodied in the proposed criteria and to authorize the Committee on Fees to develop them and to work with appropriate organizations on their implementation.*

42. Joint Congressional Visitation

Following up on its 15 January 1967 action to approve a CMA-Blue Shield joint liaison effort with California legislators in Washington, D.C., the Council considered the amount of money to be allocated for this purpose.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the allocation of \$5,000 for the joint CMA-Blue Shield liaison effort in Washington, D.C.*

43. Membership

Thirty applicants were voted election to Associate Membership. These were: Homer A. Casey, John R. Goldsmith, Hugh J. Lenahan, Marianne Schour, J. Austin Trolan, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Henry Loon, Lassen-Plumas-Modoc-Sierra County; Carl M. Agliozzo, Oscar Auerbach, Carmen C. Calescibetta, Lida G. Keyes, John M. Mead, Jr., Carl B. Nagel, Ralph Andrew Olsen, Henry P. Rover, Charles E. Schoettlin, Donald C. Shelby, John S. Stephens, George M. Uhl, Ronald Eugene Saul, Los Angeles County; William J. McCann, Marin County; William Gerald Burrows, Mendocino-Lake County; Colin T. Greenlaw, Sacramento County; Barbara J. Haddad, Giuseppe

Inesi, Elizabeth B. Reed, San Francisco County; Jean Haber Green, Donald D. Jackson, Charles G. Merckel, Jr., Santa Clara County; Velma E. Coffin-Kwart, James H. Lyons, Ventura County.

Twenty-three members were voted election to Retired Membership. These were: A. Miles Griffin, Robert J. Harmon, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Isabel D. Brown, Robert M. Francis, Joseph William Hankins, Raymond P. Kellogg, Francis B. Linne, Dora B. Olkon, Clarence Piereson, Elroy F. Sheldon, Samuel J. Weinberg, Los Angeles County; Gilbert Chassey, San Diego County; Gunther W. Nagel, Clarence Nelson, Hale F. Shirley, Henry A. Stephenson, San Francisco County; Delbert H. McNamara, Doris E. McNamara, Santa Barbara County; Charles M. Colianni, Richard N. Jacobs, Louis Kovitz, Santa Clara County; Alexander W. Cruden, Franklin H. Garrett, Ventura County.

Reduction of dues was voted for 52 members for reasons of prolonged illness or postgraduate education.

44. Roll Call

Present were President MacLaggan, President-Elect Morrison, Speaker Quinn, Vice Speaker Telford, Secretary Weyrauch, and Councilors Anderson, Dwight Wilbur, Isenhour, Eastman, Melone, Todd, Goel, Bullock, O'Connor, Ham, Rogers, Crum, Boyle, Burnett, Richard Wilbur, Miller, Watts, Fenlon, Kay, Kaiser, Yant and Grunigen and Immediate Past President Teall. Absent for cause were Councilors Taw, Maguire and Longmire.

Present by invitation were CMA staff members Becker, Belser, E. Collins, J. Collins, Curley, Eberlein, Goldman, Griffith, Hetland, Jones, Klutch, Lemos, Miller, Price, Redfern, Thomas and Whelan; Messrs. Hassard and Huber, legal counsel; component society executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Rideout of Butte-Glenn, Garrick of Forty First, Lingerfelt of Fresno, Geisert of Kern, Brock of Imperial, Dalbec of Los Angeles, Sower of Marin, Colvin of Monterey, Bannister of Orange, Walters of Riverside, Dochterman of Sacramento, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Neick of San Francisco, Thompson of San Joaquin, Wood of San Mateo, Marvin of Santa Barbara, Donovan of Santa Clara, Brown of Sonoma, Whitehall of Stanislaus, and Bruce of Tulare; Messrs. Paton, Babb, Clark, Heller, Koch, Light, Parke, and Potloff of Blue Shield-California

Physicians' Service; Messrs. Read, Brown, Putnam and McWilliams of the Public Health League; Doctor Cullen of UC-San Francisco; Doctor Glaser and Doctor Gonda of Stanford; Doctor Mellinkoff and Doctor Dillon of UCLA; Doctor Egeberg of USC; Doctor Radl of State Department of Employment; Doctor Hewitt of State Department of Mental Hygiene; Doctor Skelly of the State Department of Social Welfare; Doctor Breslow of the State Department of Public Health; Mr. Mulder of the State Health and Welfare Agency; Mrs. Kahn of the Bureau of Health Insurance, Social Security Administration; Mrs. Bacon of the Woman's Auxiliary to the CMA; Mrs. Stanley of the California Nurses' Association; Doctor Kieran and Mr. Hampshire of the California Interagency Council on Smoking and Health; Mr. Snyder and

Doctor Tolls of the California Society of Pathologists; Mr. Ward of the California Committee on Regional Medical Programs; Mr. Cattaneo of the American Hospital Association; Mr. Cumming of the California Hospital Association; Doctor Dean of the California Veterinary Medical Association; Messrs. Frisch and Kennedy of *Medical World News*; Doctor Hudson and Messrs. Gould and Uzemack of the American Medical Association; Doctors Besson, Clark, Eckmann, Garrett, Green, Herzog, Howard, Kilroy, Mazan, Murray, Steinberg Turner, and Wayburn.

45. *Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

CARL E. ANDERSON, M.D., *Chairman*
HELEN B. WEYRAUCH, M.D., *Secretary*

